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TO : Lt Col Gronich

DATE: 8 Dec 44

FROM : Col Lovell

SUBJECT:

I have just talked to Russ Sweet and asked him to furnish us with a brief background of each one of the Jap prisoners that are taken. Now, with this knowledge of the background you will be able to post questions for the CPM Branch to use as a basis for interrogation. This will be particularly valuable in determining some of your terminology problems. I want you to develop this liaison with interrogation to the fullest possible extent prior to the opening of the Document Conference on 28 Dec. You know what's necessary in this respect and I want you to take the necessary action. Let me know what you've done.

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1. Herewith is proposed distribution list of Pacific MIRS:

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2. The number of copies to each of the above agencies will depend upon the type of report and the nature of the subject matter contained therein. No distribution is to be effected below the principal agencies involved. Suggestions for additions will be very much appreciated.

3. Your approval is requested.

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Colonel, G. S. C.,  
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Visit to Pacific MIRS.

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1. The undersigned visited Pacific MIRS over night December 7-8 accompanied by Cmdr. Hamon, Chief of TAIC. Purpose of the trip was to check progress of Pacific MIRS and coordinate activities with TAIC.

2. The five (5) WACs from Fort Snelling have arrived and have taken hold in fine shape. Six (6) typists have been obtained from Camp Ritchie and are on the job. The morale of the entire organization is tops.

3. About 2500 blue prints of Jack 11, a new Jap fighter, which we had not yet obtained were available and from the blue prints it was learned that armor plate is used for the protection of pilots on at least two of the models. It was also learned that type 3 of the aircraft carries two 20 mm cannon instead of one in each of the wings. The combat personnel in the field have been told that the plate carries no armor and only one 20 mm gun in each wing. The difference is plenty great in combat.

4. The close coordination between TAIC activities and document research was thoroughly explored and stressed. One of the Naval officers, Lt. (sg) Harris, is from TAIC and will act as liaison from MIRS to that agency. The need for direct communication between TAIC and MIRS is urgent, mainly, for the purpose of checking <sup>messages</sup> ~~messages~~ and determining priorities of translation research. The undersigned has asked Colonel Fahnestock to arrange for the transmission of messages from MIRS to TAIC with the minimum loss of transmission time.

5. General Banfill has far exceeded his promises in expediting the construction work. The top floor is completely finished and looks like a million dollars. A large crew of 8 or 10 men are now working in the basement and it is estimated that at the present rate the construction work there will be finished in a week or 10 days. This will allow ample time to get the entire document assembly line in proper position and operation before convening the document conference on 28 December. Gronich informed me that he had received word from G-2, Western Defense Command, that 5 tons of documents from SWPA are now enroute across the country.

6. Commander Hamon was very much impressed by his visit. He is now making arrangements to send models of Jap aviation equipment to MIRS to assist in acquainting the air section with technical terminology and also to develop interest in the work. He is also making arrangements to transmit to Pacific MIRS some air technical documents which he has been holding and said that he would consult Colonel Burgess, A-2, to determine whether he can send three (3) Nisei to MIRS on TD to assist with translation (these Nisei are awaiting field assignments and since they are on TD, they will not be counted against any of our T/O allotments).

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7. All in all, I was very much pleased with the results of the visit. I am sure that the organization made a fine impression on Cmdr. Hamon, and the only suggestion that I have is for all General officers to stay away from the place until they are shaken down.

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I want you to see Col Spencer about getting an Air Technical Dictionary. Spencer will acquaint you with the problems and see what you can work out.

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I want to devise a system so that you can check Military terminology with all available authorities in Washington. I've asked Spencer to go over this with you and see what can be worked out. Col McCormack wants you to be able to check it with AH, Navy, and every other source in Washington. This ought to be worked out so that it clicks before the Document Conference.

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